



ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agriculture Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District - Trapped on 27-10-2008 - Sanction for prosecution - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 229

Dated:01-09-2009.

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ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, S/o. Late Narasimham worked as Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District from 28-6-2007 to 27-10-2008 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, Sri Sathi Kaniki Reddy S/o. Satyanarayana Reddy is a resident of Penumantra Village, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that the Government of Andhra Pradesh recognized Sri Sathi Kaniki Reddy, Sri Adireddy Sanyasi Rao, Koppiseti Kanakayya and some other farmers as “Adarsha Rythulu” in the month of May, 2008 and each Adarsha Ryth is entitled Rs.1,000/- per month honorarium as a reward of encouragement. Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District while receiving 10th class marks list of the Adarsha Rythulu stated that cheques will be given towards honorarium for the period commencing from May, 2008, as and when the grant is sanctioned. As they have no information, they contacted other Adarsha Rythulu and came to know that they received cheques for five months. Then they contacted Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, who replied them that their cheques will be given later. But Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu did not give cheques inspite of number of visits and when requested, at the time he attended for meeting of Adarsha Rythulu, asked them to furnish the names of 200 farmers each. Accordingly they did so and when asked about cheques he stated that cheques were prepared and exhibited them from his hand bag and also demanded bribe of Rs.2,500/- each if they want him to handover the cheques. When questioned about the demanding half of the amount as bribe, Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu aggressively stated that they do not loose any thing if they forego half of the honorarium as they are getting without any effort. He also threatened them that he will report adversely against them and send the cheques back. In spite of their pleading Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu repeated his demand and sent them out. Finally on 25-10-2008 Sri Satti Kaniki Reddy and his friends Sri A.Sanyasi Rao and Sri K.Kanakayya met Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu at his house and when requested for issue of cheques he demanded them to pay bribe with in two or three days at his office or home. Left with no option Sri Satti Kaniki Reddy and two others accepted to pay bribe unwillingly and reported the same to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru on 25-10-2008 who instructed the Inspector to cause discreet enquiry. Accordingly, enquiry was conducted and the report was registered as a case in Cr.No.17/RCT-EWG/08 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

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4. And whereas, after completing the pre-trap proceedings on 27-10-2008, Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District was successfully trapped by the ACB officials when he further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.7,500/- from Sri Sathi Kaniki Reddy. The sodium carbonate solution test when conducted on both the right hand fingers of Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu the right hand fingers only yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs.7,500/- was recovered from the brown cover which was kept in a zip pocket of the rexin bag of Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu at his instance. The sodium carbonate solution test conducted on inner linings of the brown cover, which came into contact with the tainted amount yielded positive result. The sodium carbonate solution test conducted on the bed sheet, where the brown colour cover was placed also yielded positive result. The Dy. Superintendent of Police, seized the resultant solutions, brown cover, bed sheet, the tainted amount and the remaining sodium carbonate powder etc., examined witnesses. In pursuance of the statement of Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu the Dy. Superintendent of Police seized the cheques, cheque acquaintance Register and black colour zip bag and connected records.

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) r/w 13 (1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (ie., FIR, Mediator Namas I & II, Gist of the statement of witnesses, documents seized during post trap proceedings etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a court of law.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of Sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Nethala Anjaneyulu, formerly Mandal Agricultural Officer, Penumantra Mandal, West Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 & 13 (2) r/w 13 (1)(d) of Prevention of the Corruption Act, 1988, and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(RACHEL CHATTERJEE)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti- Corruption Bureau,
A.P Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER